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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of the foreign patents (**BA-BC**) and copies of the Non-Patent Literature Documents (**CA** and **CB**) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of relevance of the documents **BB**, **BC**, and **CA** on form PTO/SB/08 are in the International Search Report (ISR) issued in counterpart application PCT/DE03/04286, wherein the ISR refers to the relevant portions of the references. A copy of the ISR is enclosed as document **CB**. Document **BA** is cited in paragraph 11 of the application. An English language abstract is also provided for document **BA**.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 31583-219318.

Respectfully submitted,

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